

# Penkridge Parish Council

## Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

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### **PRESENT**

Councillor	Victor Kelly	[Chairman]
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes	[Vice Chairman]
"	Andrew Adams	
"	Mrs Helen Adams	
"	Ms Gail Ballance	
"	Sam Harper-Wallis	
"	Ron Kenyon	
"	Andrew Lenz	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	
"	Alan Smallwood	

Parish Administrator Ms L Hough

Also in Attendance  
SSC Cllr Len Bates

There were five members of the Public in attendance

### **Part I - Public Session**

#### 5551. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anthony Minshall, David Oldfield and SCC Cllr David Williams.

#### 5552. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for April 2023.

[b] Members of the Council and Public in attendance who declared they were video/recording the meeting was Cllr Andrew Lenz.

#### 5553. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### 5554. DISCLOSABLE PECUNINARY INTEREST [DPI]

There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests received.

#### 5555. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Dorothy Briggs, Cannock Road, advised that she was in possession of an email from Staffordshire County Councillor David Williams from a while ago advising that the speed cushions on the Cannock Road could be removed but the Parish Council did not want these removed.

Mr Gary Poston, Croydon Drive, said he had raised the subject of the Website four times and there were still some items on the old site but not on the new site, there were no agendas for tonight's meeting and no finance details since February.

Mr Adrian Mutter, Wolgarston Way Allotments, following his invite to attend the meeting he thought the provision of a skip was waste of money and this could be better spent on the boundary hedges. He suggested that rather than have bi-annual meetings for the allotment holders they should raise issues as and when they happen. He also suggested that allotments should be inspected after they have been relinquished and all items removed by the previous tenant.

Councillors asked that this item be included on the May Recreation and Amenities agenda so an addition can be made to the Rules and Regulations.

5556. SUPPORT STAFFORDSHIRE

Mrs Anne Saxon, Locality Support Officer for South Staffordshire, attended and gave a brief description of what Support Staffordshire do and her role within the organisation.

She then spoke to Councillors about the Volunteer Forums and gave details of two recently held at Perton and the Sports and Recreation Centre.

Mrs Saxon gave two dates of week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> December when a Volunteer Forum could be held at the Haling Dene Centre which would also involve local Volunteer Groups. The Parish Council agreed to provide Room 1 at no cost to Support Staffordshire and they would also provide a buffet lunch on the day.

Councillors agreed that Mrs Saxon and the PA agree a date and this be placed on the next Full Council agenda for further consideration for the event.

**Resolved** that:

[i] A date to be agreed for the Volunteer Forum either week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September or 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

[ii] The Parish Council agreed to provide Room 1 at no cost to Support Staffordshire.

[iii] The Parish Council agreed to provide a buffet lunch on the day.

5557. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

South Staffordshire Councillor Len Bates said he was a Cabinet Member for various Committees where there was funding available. He gave examples of funding and advised if the Parish Council wished further detail to contact him.

5558. POLICE MATTERS

[a] The Police report for March was received.

**Resolved** that Inspector Chris Cotton be invited to attend a future Full Council meeting.

5559. MINUTES

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting be approved for:

[a] Full Council Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

[b] The Follow Up Sheets were received for the Full Council, Haling Dene Management and Recreation and Amenities.

5560. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted for the:

[a] Planning Minutes for the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

[b] Annual Parish Meeting for 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

5561. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

[a] It was noted that no minutes had been received.

5562. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

[a] It was noted that no minutes had been received.

5563. ACCOUNTS

[a] It was noted the Accounts for payment and the Expenditure Summary printouts for the month of March 2023 would be included on the May 2023 agenda due to year end closedown.

[b] It was noted the Internal audit for the year end would be undertaken week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

[c] Consideration was given to reinvesting the Council's Bond for a further 12 months with Nationwide at an interest rate of 3.75%.

**Resolved** that:

[i] The Bond be reinvested with the Nationwide.

[ii] A notification be placed on the March 2024 Full Council agenda that the Bond was due to be re-invested in April 2024.

5564. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- [a] Cllr Sam Harper-Wallis updated Councillors on the progress of the above.  
He said they had been a meeting with representatives of Staffordshire County Council and South Staffordshire Council which gave further information on the Local Plan and The Penkridge 2050 Vision which helped the group gather data.  
The Group were moving forward with a more in-depth survey producing design specific questions/information.

5565. KINGS CORONATION

- [a] The PA advised that she had ordered two banners to be placed in the Village Centre advertising the above event.
- [b] The PA gave an update on the Council's Marque and showed pictures of the poor state of the canvas. Council agreed that the PA should make enquiries to hire a marque for the above event with a maximum spend of up to £1,000.  
**Resolved** that the PA should make enquiries to hire a marque for the above event with a maximum spend of up to £1,000.

5566. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30 pm.

5567. Local Government Act 1972 - Exclusion of Press and Public - to resolve that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph(s) Section 1[2] Public Bodies/Admission to meetings Act 1960.

## Part II - Private Session

5568. MINUTES

**Resolved** that:

- [i] The Private Session Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be approved.
- [ii] There be an addition in the Standing Orders for Councillors non-attendance at meetings for six months.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Chairman .....

Dated .....